

**Mayor Report- November 2013**

**As we come to the end of the year, I will be reviewing appointments to city committees- Zoning Commission & Board of Adjustments. Citizens who are interested please contact me.**

**FAQ: Is Steve Smith of Johnson County Refuse going to stop providing services for the City?**

**Answer:**

Steve Smith of Johnson County Refuse has two contracts with the City. The first contract is for Refuse, Recycling and Yard Waste Services. (This includes leaf vacuuming, leaf bag pick-up and Christmas tree pick-up). His second contract is for Snow Removal and Sanding Services.

Steve Smith of Johnson County Refuse will continue to do the Refuse, Recycling and all Yard Waste Services.

Steve Smith of Johnson County Refuse will no longer be doing the Snow Removal and Sanding Services.

**Consideration of a Second Leaf Vacuum on Nov. 21:** I heard from many residents requesting a second leaf vacuuming because the leaves are so late this Fall. About 6 days before the scheduled leaf vacuum date, Steve Smith drove around all the streets in the City to evaluate the leaves still left on trees. He agreed there were many leaves still to fall and now probably too late and not a good idea to change the Nov. 7 vacuum date. He stated he would do a second leaf vacuum at a reduced cost of \$3500 and could schedule it for Thursday, Nov. 21. His first leaf vacuuming cost is \$10,000. The free leaf bag pick up could be changed to Nov.25/26. This second leaf vacuum date is on the agenda for the council to consider.

**Joint Cities Meeting** including Board of Supervisors, County School Boards and University of Iowa- Oct. 28<sup>th</sup> –sponsored by the City of Iowa City. I attended this meeting as representative for University Heights. Topics included an update of IC School District Facilities plan and Clear Creek Amana district. A presentation by EMA Coordinator Dave Wilson on Tier II hazardous material facility fees for JC. Other topics were opportunities for collaboration among local governments on subsidized services such as bus passes and swim passes, and possible combination of County Assessor and City Assessor Offices in JC. Also updates on planning to address jail and courthouse needs in JC. From public input: The “100 Grannies” group is asking the assembled entities to consider a countywide phasing out of plastic bags in order to keep them out of the landfill. They will be available to come and talk to each entity that is interested. I think this would be a good idea to invite them to a future University Heights City Council meeting. Please contact me if you want more information on any of the topics.